

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Services Grant
CHA-RFA# MIECHV08.22.14
Pre-Application Meeting August 29, 2014
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Question:** Under this funding opportunity can two organizations partner to implement the Parents as Teachers Program to meet the application eligibility requirements?

Response: No. Only one applicant shall meet the entire eligibility requirements as stated on page 7 of the RFA.

2. **Question:** What's considered an evidence based home visiting program?

Response: This funding opportunity specifically requires the implementation of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program as the evidence based home visiting model.

3. **Question:** How will the Department of Health (DOH) evaluate the applicants experience in data collection and reporting?

Response: A general definition of data collection is the process of gathering and measuring information on variables of interest, in an established systematic fashion that enables the organization to evaluate outcomes. To be competitive, the applicant needs to demonstrate their ability and their history in collecting and reporting data. The applicant is required to describe their data collection process, and how they presently evaluate programs, and report on those program outcomes.

4. **Question:** Do all staff of the awarded organization implementing the PAT model have to be trained by September 19th?

Response: Awardees are required to have appropriate staff trained by the PAT National Office within sixty (60) days after receiving an award.

5. **Questions:** What is the minimum requirement of supervisor/manager?

Response: The supervisor/manager should have at least a two-year degree or 60 credit hours in early childhood education or a related field. For this RFA, the following related fields will be considered: child or human development; education (early childhood, elementary or special education); social worker; sociology; psychology; counseling; or public health (maternal and child health).

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6. Question: Is an organization required to recruit than 60 families over the course of the program?

Response: Sixty families are required to be recruited within 90 days and maintained during the project period. The awardee must maintain 85% (51 families) at all times after the first 90 days. In order to maintain 85% of the required families, it is recommended that you recruit more than 60 families.

7. Question: Can PAT be implemented with another model or is it a stand-alone model?

Response: No. PAT is a stand-alone model that cannot be implemented with another model. The awardee will be required to implement the PAT model exactly according to PAT training and curriculum.

8. Question: Can an organization have a clinician to administer the assessments?

Responses: The Parent Stress Index (PSI) assessment is administered by the home visitors. The tool is scored by a professional approved by the tool developer. The tool developer reviews the qualification of the individual and determines, not DOH, who is qualified to score the tool. All other assessments are administered and scored by home visitors.

9. Question: Can you hire more than three home visitors?

Response: DOH requires a minimum of three full-time home visitors. The organization may determine if more are required based on the home visitors caseload and the organization's budget.